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Preface

The former edition of this book, published in 1914, has become exhausted. To meet requests for a reissue of it the contents of the previous edition are now reprinted, but to them is added a number of further studies which expand the volume to twice the previous length.

Save the two final articles, all the contents appeared in *The Seeker*, a quarterly magazine of Christian Mysticism founded and conducted by the late Rev. George William Allen, Vicar of Bretby, Burton-on-Trent, until his death in 1913, when it came under my editorship until 1919, being then discontinued owing to difficulties of the time, created by the Great War.

The contents are largely interpretations, from a Christian mystical standpoint, both of religious subjects and of the period of crisis and transition through which we are still passing ; a period which began, but by no means ended, with the War. In surveying the process, at once shattering and reconstructive, of what is described in these pages as "the present Passover" from an old to a new age, new conditions of social life and an enlarged spiritual perception, these contemplative studies of the deeper issues involved may, it is hoped, be of service.

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